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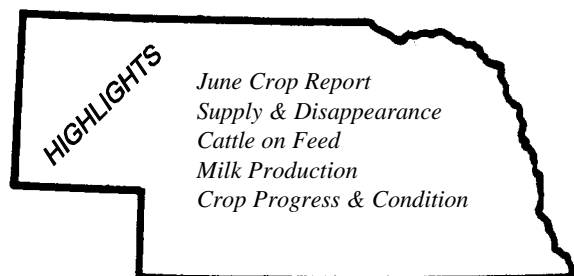


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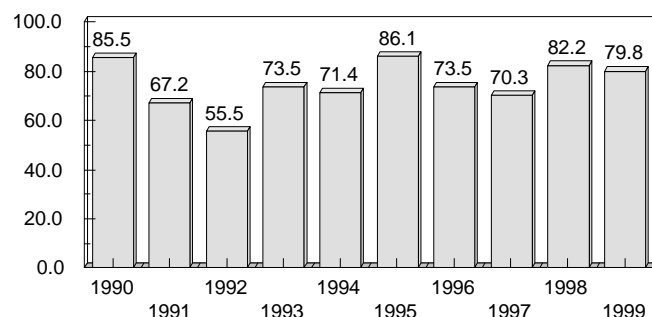


## 1999 WHEAT PRODUCTION FORECAST UP 5% FROM LAST MONTH

Nebraska's 1999 winter wheat crop (based on June 1 conditions) is forecast at 79.8 million bushels, up 5% from last month. If realized, production would be 4% below last year's crop. Yield is expected to average 42 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month but 4 bushels below last year's record high yield, and well above the 35.5 bushel ten-year average (1989-1998).

### NEBRASKA WHEAT PRODUCTION

MILLION BUSHELS



1999 ESTIMATE AS OF JUNE 1.

Acreage to be harvested for grain, estimated at 1.9 million acres, was unchanged from last month, but up 6% from last year. This would be 95% of the 2.0 million acres planted, virtually the same as last year's harvested percent.

Continued favorable moisture conditions during May benefitted plant growth and crop conditions. However, this was partially offset by hail damage in portions of the West. Head counts per square foot were well above average, while fertile spikelets/head were below normal. Crop development was ahead of average as May came to a close. As of May 30, 48% of the crop was headed, behind 64% last year but ahead of the 45% average. Wheat condition was above a year ago and rated 1% very poor, 2% poor, 18% fair, 66% good and 13% excellent.

## U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION DOWN A FRACTION

Winter wheat production in the U.S. is forecast at 1.61 billion bushels, down fractionally from last month and down 14% from last year. Yield is forecast at 44.7 bushels per acre. This is up 0.3 bushels from the last forecast. Grain area totals 36.0 million acres, down 1% from May 1. Hard Red Winter wheat production is down 1% from last month to 981 million bushels. White Winter production is down 2% from last month. Soft Red is up 2% from the last forecast to 419 million bushels.

## JUNE 1, 1999 ESTIMATES AND COMPARATIVE DATA FOR NEBRASKA AND THE UNITED STATES

Classification	NEBRASKA			UNITED STATES		
	1997	1998	1999 <u>1/</u>	1997	1998	1999 <u>1/</u>
<b>Winter Wheat:</b>						
Harvested for Grain <u>2/</u> . . . Percent	95.0	95.0	95.0	86.0	86.0	83.0
For harvest . . . . . 1,000 Acres	1,900	1,800	1,900	41,340	40,126	36,043
Yield . . . . . Bushels	37.0	46.0	42.0	44.6	46.9	44.7
Production . . . . . 1,000 Bushels	70,300	82,800	79,800	1,845,528	1,880,605	1,611,599

1/ Indicated. 2/ Percent of seeded acreage.

**NEBRASKA -- WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION  
BY AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS, 1998-1999 1/**

District	Acres Planted		Acres Harvested		Yield per Harv. Acre		Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 acres				Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest . . . . .	840.0	875.0	781.3	828.0	42.0	39.0	32,845.4	32,273.0
North . . . . .	15.5	12.0	13.0	10.0	42.2	36.0	549.1	360.0
Northeast . . . . .	4.0	3.0	3.4	2.0	46.0	36.0	156.4	72.0
Central . . . . .	29.5	35.0	27.2	34.0	55.0	41.0	1,497.3	1,394.0
East . . . . .	39.0	40.0	35.5	39.0	43.6	47.0	1,547.2	1,833.0
Southwest . . . . .	577.0	615.0	558.0	587.0	48.3	44.0	26,931.9	25,828.0
South . . . . .	200.0	220.0	192.6	210.0	55.1	47.0	10,609.8	9,870.0
Southeast . . . . .	195.0	200.0	189.0	190.0	45.8	43.0	8,662.9	8,170.0
NEBRASKA . . . . .	1,900.0	2,000.0	1,800.0	1,900.0	46.0	42.0	82,800.0	79,800.0

1/ Preliminary 1998 estimates and 1999 forecasts as of June 1, 1999.

**WINTER WHEAT -- ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION -- SELECTED STATES  
1998 AND FORECASTED JUNE 1, 1999**

State	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre			Production	
	1998	1999	1998	1999		1998	1999
				May 1	June 1		
	1,000 acres			Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Colorado .....	2,550	2,400	39.0	38.0	37.0	99,450	88,800
Kansas .....	10,100	9,200	49.0	43.0	43.0	494,900	395,600
Missouri .....	1,250	950	46.0	48.0	49.0	57,500	46,550
Montana .....	1,250	1,000	39.0	40.0	40.0	48,750	40,000
NEBRASKA .....	1,800	1,900	46.0	40.0	42.0	82,800	79,800
Oklahoma .....	5,100	4,500	39.0	34.0	33.0	198,900	148,500
South Dakota .....	1,420	1,260	43.0	42.0	42.0	61,060	52,920
Texas .....	3,900	3,400	35.0	31.0	33.0	136,500	112,200
Washington .....	2,100	1,800	65.0	64.0	62.0	136,500	111,600
United States .....	40,126	36,043	46.9	44.4	44.7	1,880,605	1,611,599

**U.S. GRAINS SUPPLY AND DISAPPEARANCE OUTLOOK**

CROP YEAR	S U P P L Y				MARKET YEAR DISAPPEARANCE 1/*				Market Year Ending Stocks*	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning Stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use 2/	Other				
CORN:	Million bushels									\$/bu.
1997/98 . . . . .	9,207	883	9	10,099	5,505	1,782	1,504	8,791	1,308	2.43
1998/99 . . . . .	9,761	1,308	18	11,087	5,625	1,860	1,875	9,360	1,727	1.95-2.05
1999/00 . . . . .	9,445	1,727	10	11,182	5,625	1,925	1,850	9,400	1,782	1.80-2.20
SOYBEANS:										
1997/98 . . . . .	2,689	132	5	2,826	1,597	158	870	2,626	200	6.47
1998/99 . . . . .	2,757	200	6	2,963	1,560	203	770	2,533	430	5.00
1999/00 . . . . .	2,880	430	5	3,315	1,635	155	930	2,720	595	3.95-4.75
WHEAT:										
1997/98 . . . . .	2,481	444	95	3,020	917	341	1,040	2,298	722	3.38
1998/99 . . . . .	2,550	722	98	3,371	915	437	1,050	2,402	969	2.65
1999/00 . . . . .	2,242	969	95	3,305	925	365	1,150	2,440	865	2.60-3.10
SORGHUM:										
1997/98 . . . . .	634	47	---	681	365	55	212	632	49	2.21
1998/99 . . . . .	520	49	---	569	275	45	190	510	59	1.65-1.75
1999/00 . . . . .	530	59	---	589	275	45	200	520	69	1.50-1.90

\* Projections for 1998 and 1999 crops are USDA's World Outlook Board expectations of supply and disappearance as of June 11, 1999. Totals may not add due to rounding. 1/ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1. 2/ Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

# NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 11%

Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.0 million cattle on feed on June 1. This inventory was up 11% from last year and 14% above two years ago. Placements of cattle into feedlots during May totaled 330,000 head, up 27% from last year and the same as 1997.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of May totaled 430,000 head, down 2% from last year and 9% below May two years ago. Other disappearance during May totaled 20,000 head compared with 20,000 head during May 1998 and 25,000 head during May 1997.

# 7 STATES CATTLE ON FEED UP 3%

Cattle on feed June 1, 1999, in the historic 7 monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 8.54 million, up 3% from the previous year and 4% above June 1, 1997.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.72 million, 1% below 1998 but 7% above 1997.

Marketings during May totaled 1.69 million, slightly above 1998 but 6% below 1997. Other disappearance during May was 73,000 head, 12% above 1998 but 9% below 1997.

## CATTLE ON FEED -- INVENTORIES, PLACEMENTS, MARKETINGS & OTHER DISAPPEARANCE 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

STATE	JUNE 1 NUMBER ON FEED <u>1/</u>			MAY PLACEMENTS			MAY MARKETINGS			MAY OTHER DISAPPEAR. <u>2/</u>		
	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>	1998	1999	<u>1999</u> <u>1998</u>
	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%	1,000 head		%
Arizona* . . .	214	207	97	45	30	67	31	26	84	5	5	100
California*	375	370	99	50	55	110	40	50	125	5	10	200
Colorado* . .	980	1,090	111	195	180	92	175	200	114	10	10	100
Idaho . . . . .	260	285	110	54	68	126	47	52	111	17	11	65
Iowa* . . . . .	290	330	114	30	38	127	50	55	110	0	3	0
Kansas* . . . .	1,990	2,010	101	420	470	112	440	420	95	10	10	100
<b>Nebraska*</b>	1,800	2,000	111	260	330	127	440	430	98	20	20	100
New Mexico	78	87	112	20	24	120	20	20	100	1	2	200
Oklahoma . .	370	330	89	103	93	90	86	85	99	2	3	150
So. Dakota . .	160	164	103	25	23	92	30	35	117	2	4	200
Texas* . . . . .	2,640	2,530	96	740	620	84	505	505	100	15	15	100
Washington	156	199	128	31	52	168	37	29	78	6	3	50
Other Sts . .	390	375	96	60	56	93	60	78	130	0	3	0
U.S. . . . .	9,703	9,977	103	2,033	2,039	100	1,961	1,985	101	93	99	106

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. 2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding. \*Historical 7 States.

## MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION: BY MONTH, 20 SELECTED STATES, 1998-99

Month	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1999 as % of 1998
	Thousands		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
January . . . . .	7,728	7,704	1,466	1,521	11,327	11,720	103
February . . . .	7,716	7,702	1,347	1,403	10,394	10,809	104
March . . . . .	7,709	7,708	1,515	1,584	11,678	12,212	105
April . . . . .	7,713	7,714	1,501	1,554	11,579	11,989	104
May . . . . .	7,719	7,722	1,556	1,610	12,011	12,430	103
June . . . . .	7,718		1,477		11,396		
July . . . . .	7,709		1,468		11,314		
August . . . . .	7,708		1,443		11,124		
September . . .	7,701		1,386		10,672		
October . . . . .	7,695		1,446		11,125		
November . . .	7,697		1,407		10,829		
December . . .	7,708		1,489		11,481		
Annual . . . . .	7,710		17,501		134,930		

1/ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**CROP PROGRESS & CONDITION, SELECTED STATES, AS OF JUNE 21, 1999**

**SOYBEANS: PERCENT EMERGED**

State	Week Ending			1994-98 Avg.
	June 20, 1999	June 13, 1999	June 20, 1998	
Percent				
AL	70	53	71	14
AR	71	57	76	68
GA	67	56	62	NA
IL	93	88	83	NA
IN	99	93	86	NA
IA	96	90	97	91
KS	70	53	93	NA
KY	76	65	46	47
LA	93	80	90	87
MI	98	90	89	84
MN	95	86	98	94
MS	94	89	86	86
MO	79	69	80	NA
NE	91	78	97	88
NC	60	50	64	NA
OH	100	99	92	76
SC	63	51	64	36
SD	83	66	92	NA
TN	76	64	57	NA
19 STS.	89	81	87	NA

These 19 States planted 93% of the 1998 soybean acreage.

NA= Not Available.

**WINTER WHEAT: PERCENT HARVESTED**

State	Week Ending			1994-98 Avg.
	June 20, 1999	June 13, 1999	June 20, 1998	
Percent				
AR	77	46	87	59
CA	30	20	19	41
CO	0	0	0	0
GA	96	90	96	91
ID	0	0	0	0
IL	11	0	14	6
IN	12	1	7	3
KS	2	0	31	16
MI	0	0	0	0
MO	23	7	25	14
MT	0	0	0	0
NE	0	0	0	0
NC	55	38	61	49
OH	1	1	0	0
OK	51	25	79	59
OR	0	0	0	0
SD	0	0	0	0
TX	42	35	70	54
WA	0	0	0	0
19 STS.	17	10	32	22

These 19 States harvested 92% of the 1998 winter wheat acreage.

**SOYBEANS: CROP CONDITION**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
Percent					
AL	0	1	30	60	9
AR	0	2	33	55	10
GA	13	20	44	22	1
IL	0	3	24	58	15
IN	0	1	19	61	19
IA	3	6	25	48	18
KS	0	3	22	68	7
KY	1	2	16	58	23
LA	1	3	36	55	5
MI	0	3	26	47	24
MN	2	8	34	50	6
MS	1	6	23	53	17
MO	2	6	35	50	7
NE	1	2	17	65	15
NC	2	4	19	67	8
OH	1	6	27	52	14
SC	1	7	45	46	1
SD	1	2	15	58	24
TN	1	4	28	57	10
19 STS.	1	4	26	55	14
Prev. Wk.	1	4	26	56	13
Prev. Yr.	2	7	29	51	11

**CORN: CROP CONDITION**

State	VP	P	F	G	EX
Percent					
CO	1	3	11	35	50
GA	18	22	31	23	6
IL	1	3	17	57	22
IN	0	1	16	59	24
IA	3	6	21	47	23
KS	0	3	15	69	13
KY	0	3	17	55	25
MI	1	4	19	59	17
MN	1	6	31	51	11
MO	1	8	36	48	7
NE	1	2	16	60	21
NC	1	8	33	54	4
OH	1	5	25	52	17
PA	1	6	35	52	6
SD	1	2	16	55	26
TX	0	3	24	55	18
WI	1	5	11	56	27
17 STS.	1	4	20	55	20
Prev. Wk.	1	4	20	56	19
Prev. Yr.	3	6	25	51	15